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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 5, 9 to 11, 13 and 14 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. (Currently amended) An image forming apparatus, connected to a host device over a network, for creating image data based on PDL data received from a host device and forming an [[said]] image based on said image data, comprising:

rasterization means for generating image data from PDL data received over said network;

storage means for storing image data corresponding to the image data generated by said rasterization means;

calibration means for executing a calibration process for setting particular image output characteristics for said image forming apparatus; and

control means for determining whether or not a calibration process is being executed on the condition that the image data is stored in said storage means and, if said control means determines that a calibration process is being executed, said control means puts said image forming apparatus in a standby state for forming the image and, after execution of said calibration process is completed, said control means allows forming of the image to start based on the image forming data stored in the storage means.

2. (Previously presented) An image forming apparatus according to claim 1,
further comprising:

image forming means for forming the image based on the image data stored in
said storage means, wherein said control means determines whether or not a calibration process
is being executed on the condition that the image data is stored in said storage means and, if said
control means determines that the calibration process is not being executed, said control means
allows said image forming apparatus to start forming the image.

3. (Previously presented) An image forming apparatus according to claim 2,
wherein said image forming means is a color image forming means for forming an image by an
electrophotographic method.

4. (Previously presented) An image forming apparatus according to claim 2,
wherein said image forming means is a color image forming means for forming an image by an
ink jet method.

5. (Currently amended) An image forming apparatus, connected to a host device
over a network, for creating image data based on fax-received data received from a host device
and forming an [[said]] image based on said image data, comprising:

interpretation means for interpreting fax-received data received over the network;

storage means for storing image data corresponding to the image data interpreted
by said interpretation means;

calibration means for executing a calibration process for setting particular image output characteristics for said image forming apparatus; and

control means for determining whether or not a calibration process is being executed on the condition that the image data is stored in said storage means and, if said control means determines that a calibration process is being executed, said control means puts said image forming apparatus in a standby state for forming the image and, after execution of said calibration process is completed, said control means allows forming of the image to start based on the image forming data stored in the storage means.

6. (Previously presented) An image forming apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising:

image forming means for forming the image based on the image data stored in said storage means, wherein said control means determines whether or not a calibration process is being executed on the condition that the image data is stored in said storage means and, if said control means determines that the calibration process is not being executed, said control means allows said image forming means to start forming the image.

7. (Previously presented) An image forming apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said image forming means is an image forming means for forming an image by an electrophotographic method.

8. (Previously presented) An image forming apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said image forming means is a color image forming means for forming an image by an ink jet method.

9. (Currently amended) An image forming method for creating image data based on PDL image data received from a host device and forming an [[said]] image based on said image data in an image forming apparatus being connected to said host device over a network, comprising:

a rasterizing step of generating image data from PDL data received over said network;

a storing step of storing in a storage means image data generated in said rasterizing step;

a calibrating step of executing a calibration process for setting particular image output characteristics for said image forming apparatus; and

a control step of using a control means to determine whether or not a calibration process is being executed on the condition that the image forming data is stored in storage means and, if said control means determines that a calibration process is being executed, said control means puts said image forming apparatus in a standby state for forming the image and, after execution of said calibration process is completed, said control step allows forming of the image to start based on the image forming data stored in the storage means.

10. (Currently amended) An image forming method according to claim 9, further comprising:

an image forming step of forming the image based on the image data stored in said storage means, wherein said control step determines whether or not a calibration process is being executed on the condition that the image forming data is stored in said storage means and, if said control step determines that the calibration process is not being executed, said control means allows said image forming apparatus to start forming the image.

11. (Currently amended) An image forming method for creating image data based on fax-received data received from a host device and forming an [[the]] image based on said image data in an image forming apparatus being connected to said host device over a network, comprising:

an interpretation step of interpreting fax-received data received over the network;

a storing step of storing in a storage means image data corresponding to the image data interpreted by said interpretation step ~~in a storage means~~;

a calibrating step of executing a calibration process for setting particular image output characteristics for said image forming apparatus; and

a control step of using a control means to determine whether or not a calibration process is being executed on the condition that the image forming data is stored in said storage means and, if said control step determines that a calibration process is being executed, said control means puts said image forming apparatus in a standby state for forming the image and, after the execution of said calibration process is completed, said control means allows forming of the image to start based on the image forming data stored in the storage means.

12. (Previously presented) An image forming method according to claim 11, further comprising:

an image forming step of forming the image based on the image data stored in said storage means, wherein said control step determines whether or not a calibration process is being executed on the condition that the image data is stored in said storage means and, if said control step determines that the calibration process is not being executed, said control means allows said image forming apparatus to start forming the image.

13. (Currently amended) A computer-readable medium encoded with a computer program ~~including an instruction code~~ for executing an image forming method for creating image data based on PDL data received from a host device and forming an ~~[[said]]~~ image based on said image data in an image forming apparatus being connected to said host device over a network, said method comprising:

a rasterizing step of generating image data from PDL data received over said network;

a storing step of storing in a storage means image data generated by said rasterizing step ~~in a storage means~~;

a calibrating step of executing a calibration process for setting particular image output characteristics for said image forming apparatus; and

a control step of using a control means to determine whether or not a calibration process is being executed on the condition that the image forming data is stored in said storage means and, if said control means determines that a calibration process is being executed, said control means puts said image forming apparatus in a standby state for forming the image and,

after execution of said calibration process is completed, said control means allows forming of the image to start based on the image forming-data stored in the storage means.

14. (Currently amended) A computer-readable medium encoded with a computer program including an instruction code for executing an image forming method for creating image data based on fax-received data received from a host device and forming an [[the]] image based on said image data in an image forming apparatus connected to said host device over a network, said method comprising:

an interpreting step of interpreting fax-received data received over the network;

a storing step of storing in a storage means image data corresponding to the image data interpreted by said interpretation step ~~in a storage means~~;

a calibrating step of executing a calibration process for setting particular image output characteristics for said image forming apparatus; and

a control step of using a control means to determine whether or not a calibration process is being executed on the condition that the image forming-data is stored in said storage means and, if said control step determines that a calibration process is being executed, said control means puts said image forming apparatus in a standby state for forming the image and, after execution of said calibration process is completed, said control means allows forming of the image to start based on the image forming-data stored in the storage means.

15. (Previously presented) An image forming apparatus, connected to a host device over a network, for creating image data based on image data received from said host device and forming an image based on said image data, said apparatus comprising:

rasterizing means for reconstructing image data from PDL data received over said network;

storage means for storing image data reconstructed by said rasterizing means;

calibrating means for executing a calibration process for setting particular image output characteristics for said image forming apparatus;

image forming means for forming an image based on the image data stored in said storage means; and

control means for determining whether or not a calibration process is being executed when image data is stored in said storage means and, if said control means determines that a calibration process is being executed, said control means puts said image forming means in a standby state and, after execution of said calibration process is completed, said control means allows said image forming means to start forming an image and, if said control means determines that a calibration process is not being executed, said control means allows said image forming means to start forming the image.

16. (Previously presented) An image forming apparatus, connected to a host device over a network, for creating image data based on fax-received data received from said host device and forming an image based on said image data, said apparatus comprising:

interpreting means for interpreting fax-received data received over the network;

storage means for storing image data interpreted by said interpreting means; and

calibrating means for executing a calibration process for setting particular image output characteristics for said image forming apparatus;

image forming means for forming an image based on the image data stored in said storage means; and

control means for determining whether or not a calibration process is being executed when image data is stored in said storage means and, if said control means determines that a calibration process is being executed, said control means puts said image forming means in a standby state and, after the execution of said calibration process is completed, said control means allows said image forming means to start forming an image and, if said control means determines that a calibration process is not being executed, said control means allows said image forming means to start forming the image.